

**PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF
CITY OF HAYWARD WATERWORKS AND SEWER UTILITY**

The City of Hayward Waterworks and Sewer Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to increase water rates. The increase is necessary due to a 41 percent increase in gross plant investment and a 51 percent increase in operating expenses since the last water rate case was completed in 2003.

The total increase in water revenues requested is \$108,690 which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 23% over the water utility's present revenues. If the request is granted, the water bill for an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter who uses 3,000 gallons of water monthly will increase from \$13.24 to \$17.51, or 32%. The same customer's water bill including the public fire protection charge will increase from \$21.84 to \$26.11, or 20%.

A telephonic public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 15889 W Third Street, Hayward, Wisconsin. Scheduling questions regarding this hearing may be directed to the PSCW at (608) 266-3768.

Any person may testify at the hearing or participate in the hearing process in one of the ways listed below:

1. Submit written comments at the hearing instead of testifying;
2. Mail written comments or post electronic comments (at <http://psc.wi.gov/apps/dockets/comment.aspx>) no later than the day of the hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Gunther, City of Hayward / City of Hayward Waterworks and Sewer at (715) 634-2311.

The City of Hayward Waterworks and Sewer Utility has proposed to increase sewer rates. The increase is necessary due to a 104 percent increase in gross plant investment and a 21 percent increase in operating expenses since the last sewer rate case was completed in 2007.

The total increase in sewer revenues requested is \$212,835 which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 40% over the sewer utility's present revenues. If adopted, the sewer bill for an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter who uses 3,000 gallons of water/sewer monthly will increase from \$21.64 to \$33.91, or 40%.

A public hearing on the proposed rate increase has been scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2012 immediately following the telephonic public hearing with the PSC at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 15889 W Third Street, Hayward, Wisconsin. Any person may comment or participate at the hearing by either being present and speaking at the hearing or by submitting written comments to the City Clerk prior to the 2:00 p.m. telephonic hearing.

If you have any questions or wish to submit comments prior to the public hearing, please contact Lucy Gunther, City of Hayward / City of Hayward Waterworks and Sewer at (715) 634-2311.